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	Anish Gupta
Title: NOVEL METHOD FOR PURIFICATION OF RECOMBINANT PROTEINS	

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 17, 2003. The Examiner herein required election of one of the following groups of claims:

- Group I: Claims 1-8 and 31-35, drawn to method of protein purification using chelate chromatography;
- Group II: Claims 9, 18-21 and 24-31, 36-37, drawn to a metal complex;
- Group III: Claims 14-17, drawn to method of synthesizing carboxymethylated aspartate; and
- Group IV: drawn to method of screening.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group III, claims 14-17, with traverse.

Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 USC §121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815.

Respectfully submitted,
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